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HAZARDOUS WASTES—DISPOSAL FACILITIES—PERMIT APPROVAL—FLOOD-PRONE AREAS

H. C. R. No. 268

WHEREAS, The example of Times Beach, Missouri, demonstrates the folly of siting hazardous waste facilities in flood-prone areas; and

WHEREAS, Indeed, the National Flood Insurance Program, participated in by numerous Texas cities and counties, seeks to

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discourage the placement in flood-prone areas even of facilities posing far less peril to the public at large; and

WHEREAS, Hazardous waste dispoal in flood-prone areas of Texas would present the possibility of spills leading to the ruination of drinking water supplies and contamination of valuable farmland; and

WHEREAS, A policy of local veto having an expected outcome that no area would accept hazardous waste disposal facilities, existing law has properly lodged within state agencies the approval of environmental permits for such facilities; and

WHEREAS, This grant of authority for environmental permits pertaining to hazardous waste disposal facilities makes it incumbent that state agencies carefully consider special dangers, including hazardous spills resulting from floods, that could prove detrimental to the safety and well-being of local residents; and

WHEREAS, In Texas, required environmental permits associated with the approval of hazardous waste disposal facilities include those issued by the Texas Department of Water Resources under Subsection (e), Section 4, of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (Article 4477-7, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), and by the Texas Air Control Board under Subsection (c), Section 3.27, of the Texas Clean Air Act (Article 4477-5, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring. That the 68th Legislature hereby direct the Texas Department of Water Resources and the Texas Air Control Board, prior to their approval of permits for hazardous waste disposal facilities, to take particular account of the dangers of locating such facilities in flood-prone areas of Texas, as those areas may be identified not only by available topographic or hydrologic maps, but also by recent data pointing to evidence of flooding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be prepared and forwarded to the Texas Department of Water Resources and to the

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Texas Air Control Board as an official expression of the sentiment of the Legislature of the State of Texas.

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COMMENDATION—ROBERT G. CHERRY

H. C. R. No. 269

WHEREAS, The greatness of this state can be attributed in large measure to such outstanding citizens as Robert G. Cherry, whose career at Texas AGM University has been singularly distinguished; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Waverly, Texas, Robert Cherry is a 1936 graduate of Sam Houston State University; he did postgraduate study at North Carolina State University and, in 1941, earned a master's degree at the University of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, After serving on the staff of the Secretary of State and as an educational advisor in the United States Office of Education, he began his long and rewarding association with Texas A&M University in 1943 as a member of its agricultural economics faculty; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, this esteemed educator was selected to be Secretary of the Board of Regents and Assistant to the Chancellor; he was promoted to Assistant Chancellor in 1980, to Vice-Chancellor of Public Affairs in 1981, and most recently to the office of Executive Secretary of the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Robert Cherry has for many years represented The Texas ASM University System before the legislature seeking to improve what he calls "the greatness that is ours"; and

WHEREAS, His devotion to the university and its ideals is well known, and this highly esteemed gentleman is fondly regarded as "Mr. A&M" at the State Capitol; now, therefore, be it